

Capital plaza dedicated to economic leaders



Lane Dolly, widow of Roland Dolly, who died in a plane crash nearly 20 years ago with then-Gov. George Mickelson, speaks at a state building renaming ceremony. The Capital Lake Plaza was renamed the Dolly-Reed Plaza in honor of Dolly and Ron Reed, who both served as commissioners of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. (Justin Joiner/Capital Journal) By JUSTIN JOINER JUSTIN.JOINER@CAPJOURNAL.COM

Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Friday said two economic development leaders who died in a plane crash 19 years ago with then-Gov. George Mickelson made their mark on the state.

"So many of the programs that Gov. Mickelson founded were part of their legacy," Daugaard said.

Now Ron Reed's and Roland Dolly's legacy will live on as the Capital Lake Plaza was officially renamed the Dolly-Reed Plaza at a state building renaming ceremony Friday.

Both men served as commissioners of the Governor's Office of Economic Development until a 1993 plane crash claimed their lives, Mickelson's and five others.

Both of the men's widows – Lane Dolly and Barb Reed Harms – were on hand for the ceremony, although only Dolly spoke.

She said the naming meant a great deal to her.

"It means that Roland Dolly and Ron Reed are not forgotten and when you've loved people so very deeply and they suddenly disappear so tragically and their work is unfinished, it seems so sad when they are just gone. This remembers them, it honors them. I really loved when the governor said it memorializes them."

She said she was glad to see so many familiar faces again.

"When you've been in a grave

situation it helps to come around those people that you love and you know love you and reframe something tragic so you can see something good from it and I see something good because of the dedication of the building, but mainly because of the good work of the people inside of the building," she said.

The governor said although he did not know the men, they were critical in giving the state the tools it needed for economic development.

"Ron and [Roland] were part of the initiation of those tools that have been the cornerstone of our economic development toolbox

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Government might help video lottery businesses to finance new machines

By Bob Mercer State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE – State government could become more of a financial partner with video lottery businesses under a strategic plan adopted Friday by the South Dakota Lottery Commission.

Commissioners decided a short-term priority should be possible financial incentives to assist video lottery businesses in purchasing more new machines at a faster rate. The draft version of the plan as presented by lottery administrator Norm Lingle called for incentives as a mediumterm goal. is the money gambled by players that remains after prizes are paid.

There are about 8,000 of the traditional machines in the field. They offer poker, blackjack and keno. There are about 1,400 of the new line-game machines, which offer a variety of match-up plays in which symbols and numbers are used.



But commissioner Doyle Estes of Hill City pushed for a more aggressive approach.

Estes suggested that the lottery hire a consultant who could provide advice on ways that the government could work with lottery businesses.

The new line-game machines, which are similar to slot machines, are producing an average net machine income of \$67-plus daily since May, while the traditional terminals are averaging \$47plus daily.

Net machine income

Estes, who was previously involved in the video-lottery business, said the consultant's purpose would be to suggest ways to get more of the new machines into the market.

"We need to figure out how to get after those new machines faster," Estes said.

State government takes 50 percent of the net machine income.

The call for incentives was supported by Bob Riter, a Pierre lawyer representing the Music and Vending Association of South Dakota.

Riter said the net machine income is somewhat affected because the new line-game machines have been placed in many of the better locations.

He said operators are

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Sky's the limit for oilseeds

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By LANCE NIXON LANCE.NIXON@CAPJOURNAL.COM

A possible new oilseed crop for South Dakota and a proposed pulse plant in Harrold spell out a bright future for oilseeds and pulse crops in the state.

That's the view of Rick Vallery of Pierre, for years the face of South Dakota Wheat Inc. Vallery left South Dakota Wheat Inc. in September to devote more time to representing the South Dakota Oilseeds Council and South Dakota Pulse Council. Vallery is executive director for both organizations.

Vallery had already been representing the oilseeds industry since 2005 and the pulse industry since 2007. Good things are hap-



Above: Sunflowers face the stiff Dakota wind in a photo taken earlier this summer by Sharon Helbig of Pierre at a sunflower field in full bloom. Long an important oilseed crop in South Dakota, sunflowers may soon have new company from new experimental oilseeds under consideration for the state's growers. (Photo submitted by Sharon Helbig, Pierre) A sunflower head heavy with seed in this field north of Pierre bodes well for harvest, and Rick Vallery said growing interest in oilseed research similarly bodes well for the industry. Vallery represents the South Dakota Oilseeds Council as well as the South Dakota Pulse Council. (Lance Nixon/Capital Journal)

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Breast cancer walk set for this Saturday, Oct. 6

By CAPITAL JOURNAL STAFF

The students at Stanley County High School have seen the impact of breast cancer as one of their teachers missed school battling the disease last year.

Last week, a handful of National Honor Society students placed pink ribbons in Fort Pierre and Pierre in an effort to raise awareness about the disease.

"We are doing this so people around the community gain awareness and know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month because breast cancer affects almost everyone in some way," Katie Lehrkamp, a senior at Stanley County High

School said.

The ribbons are a lead up to the Oct. 6 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K/10K Walk in Pierre. The walk is an event to honor survivors

honor survivors and support ways to end breast can-

Lehrkamp said there needs to be more awareness about the disease and how common it is.

Registration for the walk will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the South Dakota Visitors Center, 500 East Capitol Ave. The event begins at

At a glance:

Breast cancer will affect one in every eight women in the United States during her lifetime. This disease is a leading cause of cancer death in women, second only to lung cancer. By finding the disease early, chances for survival increase dramatically.

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formances by the T.F. Riggs High

School dance, cheerleading and gym-

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Against Breast Cancer is a family-

friendly event sponsored in part by

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Stanley County High School student Bailey Tibbs prepares ribbons to tie around Fort Pierre while her National Honor Society adviser Kim Doherty stands by. (Justin Joiner/Capital Journal)

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